

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE, B.S.

The undergraduate major in interior architecture is a four-year professional program accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) and leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Architecture. The program develops students' creativity in the design and planning of interior spaces by emphasizing the process and communication of design. Students learn to integrate the art of design with the social sciences concerning the interaction of people and their environment, the history of design, and the physical sciences relating to the effects of materials on the physical health and comfort of inhabitants. Insight into professional practice is enhanced through internship experiences.

Faculty maintain scholarly programs of study in design and research that form the basis of the graduate program and enrich the undergraduate program through coursework, design review, and student mentoring.

Course content helps students develop verbal and visual communication skills with exposure to both residential and commercial interiors. In addition, courses in art history, history of interiors, engineering, and art are required. A final portfolio is required before graduation. Studio spaces for student use, a resource center containing catalogs and samples, plus a lighting demonstration area and computer laboratory provide physical support for the interior architecture curriculum.